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(54) **Duvet cover**

(57) A duvet cover comprising two sheets of material which define a compartment for receiving a duvet, and at least one further sheet of material secured to one end of the cover to define a sleeve. The sleeve is intended to receive the end of a mattress on which the duvet cover is placed, thereby securing the duvet cover and its contents relative to the mattress.

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SPECIFICATION

Duvet cover

5 The present invention relates to a duvet cover, and in particular to a duvet cover which can be easily anchored to a bed on which it is used.

Typically duvet covers comprise two sheets of material which are secured together around their
10 edges to define a compartment for receiving a duvet. Normally the sheets of material are rectangular in plan and are intended to receive a duvet of similar outline. If the duvet is correctly sized to the mattress upon which it is to be used the duvet will overhang
15 the edge of the mattress on each side of the bed and at the foot of the bed. At the two corners at the foot of the bed this means that a substantial portion of the duvet hangs over the edge of the mattress in a manner which is somewhat unsightly. Furthermore
20 it is easy for the duvet to be displaced horizontally relative to the mattress as a result of movement of an occupant of the bed so that the occupant becomes chilled as a result of not being properly covered. This is a particular problem in the case of elderly people
25 who find it relatively difficult to rearrange a duvet or are less responsive to exposure to cold air as a result of the duvet being displaced.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a duvet cover which obviates or mitigates the above
30 problem.

According to the present invention there is provided a duvet cover comprising two sheets of material which define a compartment for receiving a duvet, and at least one further sheet of material
35 secured to one end of the cover to define a sleeve into which can be inserted the end of a corner of a mattress on which the duvet cover is placed.

A duvet cover in accordance with the present invention is relatively securely positioned on a
40 mattress and in particular cannot be pulled up inadvertently to expose the feet of a person lying on the mattress. The bottom of the duvet cover cannot be displaced sideways because of the engagement between the sleeve or sleeves and the mattress and it
45 is a relatively easy matter for the top end of the duvet cover to be moved so as to maintain it in the correct position.

Preferably, two said further sheets of material are provided each defining a sleeve which can be slipped
50 over a respective corner of the end of a mattress.

Preferably, the two corners of the duvet which are to be placed at the foot of a bed are cut so as to define a curved edge, and the or each further sheet of material extends to the curved edge. In the case
55 where two of the said further sheets of material are provided each extends to a line extending diagonally across a corner of the cover.

It will be appreciated that where the duvet cover has a curved edge it could be used with a duvet
60 having a matching shape in plan, but that the cover may be used with a duvet which has a rectangular shape in plan.

An embodiment of the present invention will now be described, by way of example, with reference to
65 the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 illustrates the outline shape of upper and lower sheets of a duvet cover in accordance with the present invention;

Figures 2 and 3 illustrate the outline shape of
70 further sheets of material to be secured to the cover formed from the sheets of material having an outline as illustrated in *Figure 1* so as to form a duvet cover in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 4 illustrates in plan the outline of the upper
75 and lower sheets of material of the duvet cover when they are superimposed and sewn along three edges;

Figure 5 shows the relative positioning of the further sheets of material which define sleeves positioned at the foot of the duvet cover;

Figure 6 illustrates the relative positioning of the
80 further sheets of material of *Figure 5* relative to the upper and lower sheets illustrated in *Figure 4*; and

Figure 7 is an end view of the duvet cover in accordance with the invention.

Referring to the accompanying drawings the
85 illustrated embodiment of the invention comprises upper and lower sheets of material having the outline as illustrated in *Figure 1*. The sheet which is to form the upper surface of the duvet cover is
90 slightly longer than the lower material but of the same width. The difference in length may be for example approximately 1.5 centimetres. The further sheets of material illustrated in *Figures 2 and 3* are each generally triangular in outline but with rounded
95 corners to correspond in shape with rounded corners of the upper and lower sheets of the duvet cover. In use these rounded corners are placed at the foot of a bed on which the duvet cover is used.

Figure 4 illustrates the superimposition of the
100 upper and lower sheets of material forming the compartment into which a duvet is inserted in use. The edges 1, 2 and 3 are sewn together and press-studs 4 are provided along the fourth side 5. The press-studs may be pulled apart to enable
105 insertion of a duvet into the cover and then pressed together to retain the duvet within the cover.

The further sheets of material illustrated in *Figures 2 and 3* are sewn to the side seams of the duvet cover as shown in *Figure 5* so as to overlie the upper layer
110 of the cover. The dimension 6 is selected to match the width of the mattress on which the duvet is to be used. *Figure 6* shows the duvet cover in plan. In use, the cover is placed on a mattress with the further sheets of material uppermost, and the further sheets
115 are then turned down over the corners of the mattress so as to define sleeves within which the corners of the mattress are received.

Figure 7 is an end view of a bed on which the duvet cover has been mounted with the sleeves defined by
120 the further sheets of material slipped over the bottom corners of the mattress. The width of the bed mattress is again indicated by dimension 6. Thus the appearance of the duvet cover from the foot of the bed is very neat with little or no overhang.

Furthermore the duvet cover and the duvet which it contains is secured in a stable manner to the foot of
125 the bed whilst still enabling relatively easy entry to the bed as the top end of the duvet and most of the body thereof can be simply pulled back from the
130 mattress.

The illustrated duvet cover is used with a conventional duvet which is rectangular in plan. The bottom corners of the duvet are drawn under by the sleeves at the foot of the duvet cover and thus a neat appearance is obtained without requiring a specially shaped duvet.

As the further sheets of material are initially positioned uppermost and then turned under the mattress, a fully reversible cover can be achieved by providing further sheets of material on both sides of the cover. In use, the further sheets which are located on the underside of the cover are simply not visible.

CLAIMS

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1. A duvet cover comprising two sheets of material which define a compartment for receiving a duvet, and at least one further sheet of material secured to one end of the cover to define a sleeve into which can be inserted the end of a corner of a mattress on which the duvet cover is placed.

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2. A duvet cover according to claim 1, comprising two said further sheets of material each defining a sleeve which can be slipped over a respective corner of the end of a mattress.

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3. A duvet cover according to claim 2, wherein each said further sheet of material extends to a line extending diagonally across a corner of the cover.

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4. A duvet cover according to claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein corners of the duvet which are to be placed at the foot of a bed are cut so as to define a curved edge, and the or each further sheet of material extends to the curved edge.

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5. A duvet cover according to any preceding claim, comprising at least one said further sheet of material on each side of said one end of the cover.

6. A duvet cover substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

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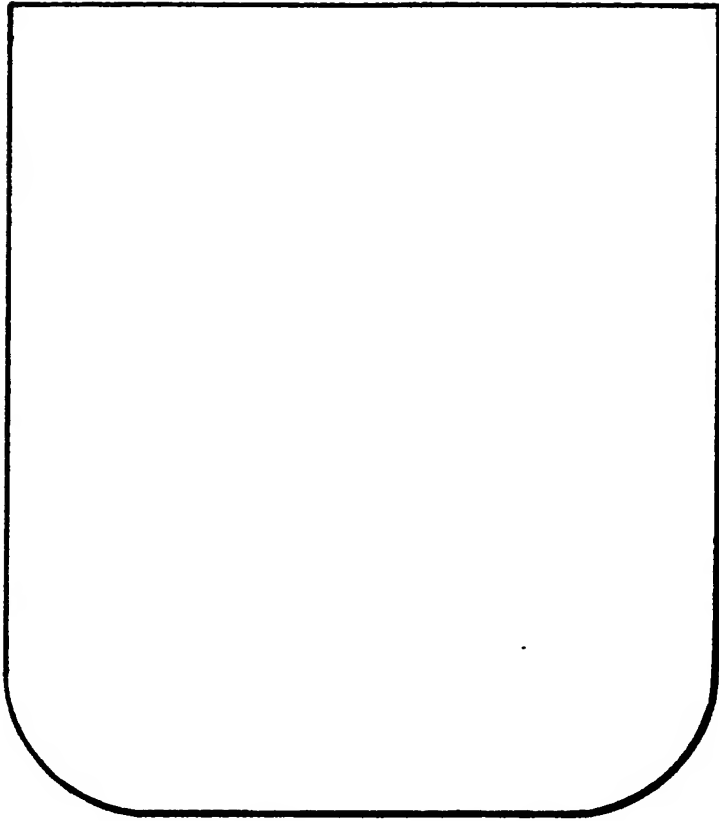


FIG. 1

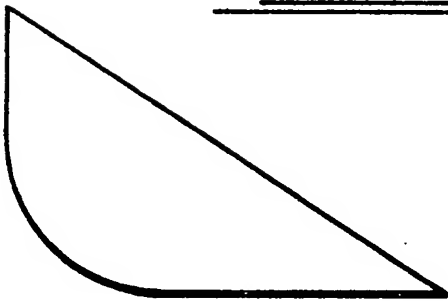


FIG. 2

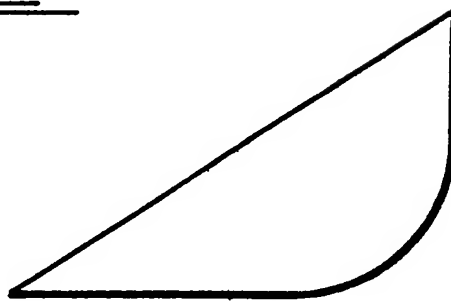
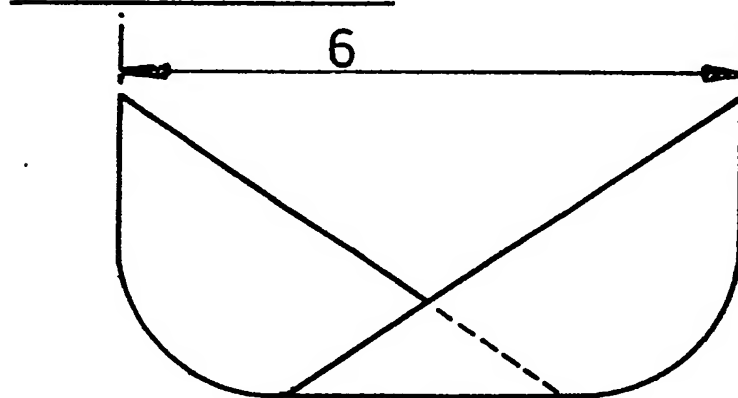
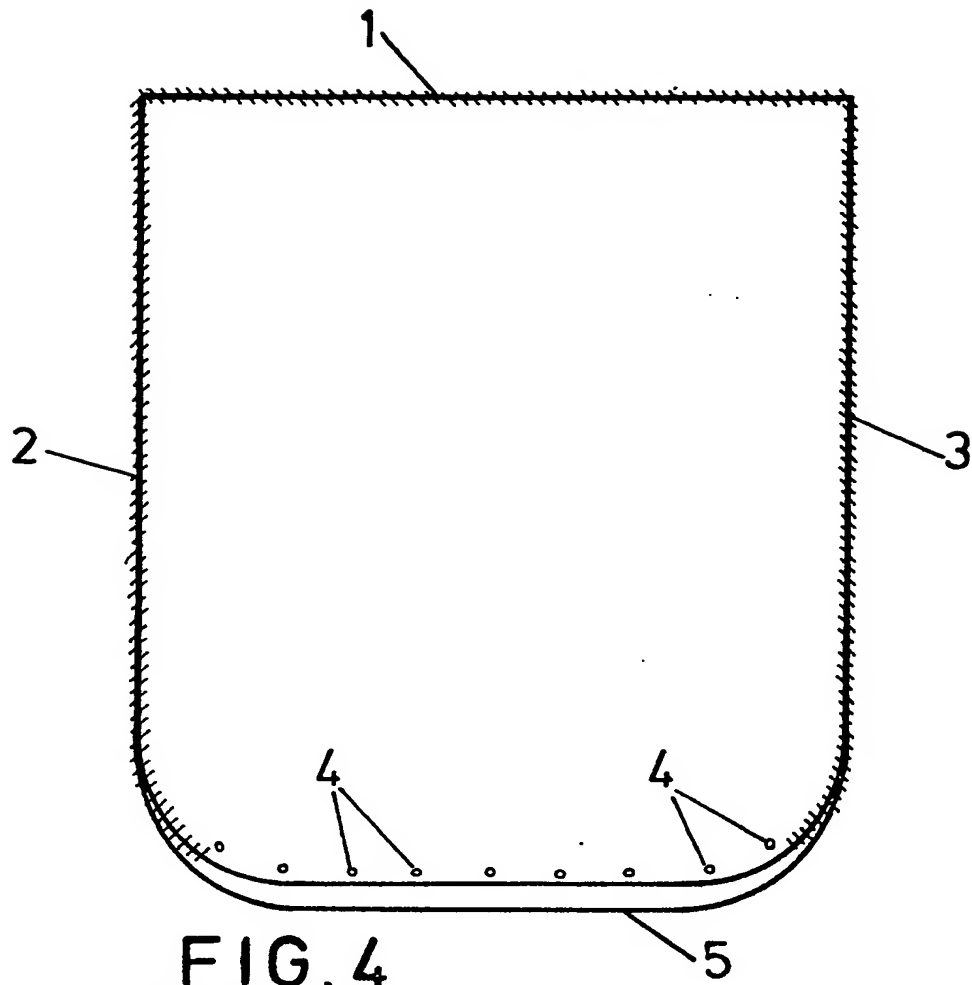


FIG. 3



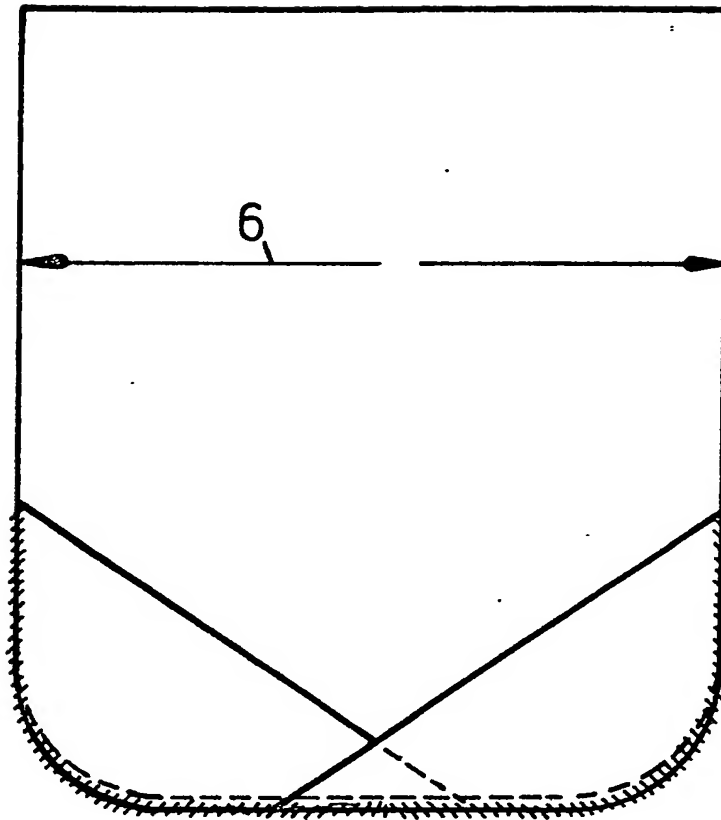


FIG. 6

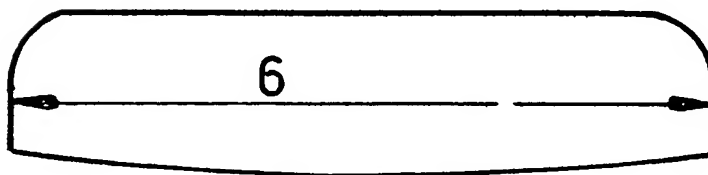


FIG. 7